

Dietary Supplements Subsection (June 2002)

Dietary Supplements and Prescription Medication Section

Sample Person Questionnaire

Description

The Dietary Supplements section (prefix DSQ) provides personal interview data on use of vitamins, minerals, and other dietary supplements. The questions in the NHANES 1999-2000 DSQ section were included in NHANES III, 1988-94.

Eligible Sample

All sample persons from birth and older were eligible for these questions.

Data Processing and Preparation

Only two DSQ variables are being released at this time. The first is the response to the question of whether the person reported taking any dietary supplements (DSQ.010). The second variable (DSQ.135) is a count of the total number of dietary supplements a person reported. The maximum number of dietary supplement products reported by a single individual was twenty. The DSQ variables were not edited. If a sample person reported having taken a supplement, but there was no further information about the supplement product, the responses to DSQ.010 and DSQ.135 were retained. There was no verification of whether the reported product was actually a dietary supplement.